asses the SGSY programme implementation and to adopt mid course corrections, if necessary. This concurrent evaluation reported instances of a few ineligible people availing benefits under the scheme. These beneficiaries seem to be mostly of the non-BPL category.

(b) and (c) The programme has been seen to be successful in reaching the targeted groups, though a few instances of ineligible people availing the benefits have been reported in the concurrent evaluation. The evaluation indicates that about 93% of the Swarojgaries belogn to the BPL families and as high as 83.51% of the total individual swarojgaries were of the opinion that SGSY activities have helped them in increasing their incomes. The concurrent evaluation did not point out any specific cases, but the percentage of cush people getting benefits under the Swarnajayati Gram Swarojgar Yojana is assumably very small. These findings have emerged in the Government sponsored study only.

(d) No data relating to the percentage of such ineligible people has been provided in the concurrent evaluation conducted during 2002-03.

**Private Participation for Employment Opportunities in rural areas**

2855. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether private participation has helped in creation of more employment opportunities in the rural areas;

(b) whether Government have held any formal consultations with the private sector in this matter, while extending concessions to them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the possible avenues identified by Government where private participation could help to create more employment oppotunities in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development has approved two special projects for generation of self-employment with private participation. The areas covered by these projects and the details of concessions/facilities offered to the private sector for these projects are indicated below:-

(i) **Livelihood Advancement Business School:** The objective of the project is to identify and make available potential livelihood options for 35,000 below poverty line (BPL) youth in the age group of 18-35 years and train them in skills according to the market requirements, thereby working towards achieving the goal of poverty reduction. Dr. Reddy's Foundation is to implement the project in 7 States. The total cost of the project is Rs. 14 Crores, out of which the Government share is 75%.

(ii) **Self-Help Group Mobilization, Capacity Building and Credit Linkage:** The objective of the project is group mobilization,capacity building and credit linkage of the Self Help Groups (SHG). ICICI Bank will be implementing the project in two states to promote SHG of BPL beneficiaries. The total cost of the project is Rs. 15 Crores over a period of five years to be borne by the Central Government. An amount of Rs. 15,000/- will be provided by the Government per SHG as the cost of group formation. The credit will be provided by ICICI Bank from their own resources.

The Ministry of Rural Development has also held consultations with the Private Sector including Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) for formulating a restructured Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) Scheme.

**Beneficiaries under SGSY**

2856. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concurrent evaluation of the implementation of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana was conducted during recent years;

(b) if so what was the percentage of beneficiaries from Below Poverty Line class under the said scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that some ineligible people have also been benefited from SGSY;

(d) if so, the details and the percentage of such people, State-wise; and